

Write the name of your best friend

Write the name of someone you love

What is the nicest thing you could do for these people?

Would you lie for them?

Would you ask them to lie for you?

Would you kill for them?

What do you think about euthanasia?

“To a Mouse”

<http://www.electricscotland.com/burns/mouse.html>

1. What happened that inspired the author to write this poem?
2. When did the event take place?
3. Why was it so devastating to the mouse?
4. How did the author feel about what he has done?
5. Read lines 39-42. What does the author say about well-made plans?
6. Can you tell me about an experience that matches the author's point about well-made plans?
7. Tell me what you think Of Mice and Men may be about.

### **Background to Of Mice and Men**

Where and when was John Steinbeck born?

What was the setting of most of his novels written between 1930-1940?

What do his novels deal with?

### **The setting of Of Mice and Men**

What is the setting of the novel Of Mice and Men?

Where is the ranch in the story located? What town is nearby?

### **Migrant Farm Workers**

Who are George and Lennie? Besides their pay (how much?) what else do they get?

### **The American Dream**

What happened in 1929?

What did George and Lennie's dream about?

What was Curly's wife's dream?

### **Of Mice and Men By: John Steinbeck**

What does Steinbeck do with the "invisible men?"

What idea/theme does Of Mice and Men deal with?

Why did George and Lennie think they were different?

What do you learn about Lennie?

What do you learn about George?